

COUNTRY ~~East Germany~~ Approved For Release 2002/07/12 : CIA-RDP80-00810A000200170006-5

TOPIC ~~Brandenburg-Adado Airfield~~

EVALUATION ~~see below~~ PLACE OBTAINED  25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT ~~24 October to 26 November 1952~~ 25X1A

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REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. Observations made at the Brandenburg-Adado airfield from 3 through 26 November included:

3 to 5 November. There was no flying in the afternoon.

8 to 13 November. There was no flying in the morning. Source believed that there was no flying at the field from 3 through 13 November at any hour.

5 November. Source observed 26 IL-10s. The same number of planes was observed on 8 and 10 November. On 13 November, source counted 24 IL-10s.

18 November. Source observed 25 IL-10s marked by white numbers.

The upper edges of the radar assemblies of all of the planes were red. There was no flying.

20 November. Source observed 26 IL-10s. There was no flying from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

22 November. At 9:15 a.m., source counted 26 IL-10s.

24 November. About noon, source observed 28 IL-10s. There was no flying between noon and 10 p.m.

26 November. Source observed 26 IL-10s. Another eight IL-10s were observed in the afternoon between two hangers. At 1:30 p.m., IL-10 No 01 and at 2:20 p.m. another IL-10 landed. The radio truck was observed at the southern edge of the field.

2. In mid-November, source observed 10 shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments under construction along the north side of the installation. Construction work was going on in the northwestern corner of the field. Underground bunkers about 5 x 3 meters and 2 meters extending below the surface of the ground, were being built north of the aircraft revetments. The bunkers extended about 50 cm above the surface of the ground. Aircraft revetments were under construction also at the south side of the installation.<sup>1</sup>

3. At 11:05 a.m. on 7 November, a detail of about 150 men left the Pionier Kaserne. Source observed 2 officers, a military band of 12 men, 2 soldiers carrying two wreathes each, a captain with a cluster of oak leaves on his cap and 4 or 5 platoons of about 30 to 40 men each who wore black-bordered blue epaulets with air force insignia. The marching soldiers were followed by two trucks occupied by 25 air force soldiers each. The trucks had not come from the barracks installation. The soldiers marched toward the war monument.

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4. At 10 a.m. on 24 October, six railroad cars of timber arrived at Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station from Netzeband. The timber was consigned to Units [ ] in Brandis and [ ] in Merseburg. On 21 November, source observed at Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station two railroad cars dispatched [ ] in Velten to [ ] Brandenburg.

At 4 p.m. on 25 November, three railroad cars with military goods were dispatched from Brandenburg-Altstadt to Buckau. One lieutenant and two air force soldiers were observed in one of the railroad cars.<sup>2</sup>

5. On each day during the period from 6 to 14 November, more than 20 IL-10s were counted and another 4 or 5 IL-10s were observed at the field. The canvas-covered aircraft were parked at the eastern edge of the installation. As far as could be determined the planes had red propeller hubs, red upper edges of their radar assemblies and white numbers. Flying was observed only on 14 November. At 1:20 p.m. on this day, an IL-10 took off, landed again after 10 minutes and taxied back to the aircraft dispersal area. No other air activity was observed. There was intermittent rain and snow. There was no flying from 16 to 18 November. From 7:40 to 8 a.m. on 18 November, the engines of numerous planes were warmed up. There was some air activity on 26 November.

6. Ten completed aircraft revetments were observed in the eastern half of the north side of the field. Other aircraft revetments were observed in the western half of the north side, and seven more such revetments were seen in the southeastern corner of the field north of the railroad line. From 20 to 30 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets worked on the not yet completed aircraft revetments. Earth used for the re-inforcement of the walls built around the aircraft revetments continuously arrived at the field on the second half of November. Fourteen dug-outs were being built in the vicinity of the aircraft revetments in the northeastern and southeastern sections of the field. Some dug-outs were being built between aircraft revetments. One dug-out seemed to be attached to each aircraft revetment.<sup>1</sup>

7. Trucks [ ] with laundry, [ ] were observed in Brandis. The drivers wore black-bordered blue epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets.<sup>3</sup>

1. Comment. According to previous information, a total of 24 aircraft revetments including 10 in the northeastern corner, 7 in the northwestern corner and 7 in the southeastern portion of the field, were built at the installation. The information that one underground bunker was built in the vicinity of each aircraft revetment is received for the first time.

2. Comment. [ ] belongs to the ground unit of the air transport regiment at Brandis. [ ] is assigned to the ground unit of the fighter regiment in Merseburg. [ ] belongs to the air force fuel depot in Velten. [ ] is assigned to the ground unit of the ground attack regiment in Brandenburg-Arado. An air force ammunition depot with [ ] is located at Buckau near Pramendorf about 45 km east of Magdeburg.

3. Comment. Brandenburg-Arado airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with IL-10s. It was previously assumed that 50 to 55 aircraft of this type were assigned to this regiment. This number of planes was last observed on 3 October. From 9 to 17 October, the regiment participated in Soviet army maneuvers and in this connection temporarily moved to Dessau. After its return, only 24 to 28 IL-10s were observed at the installation. There are probably eight more planes, which were parked between the hangars and thus could not be observed by source. [ ] This reduction cannot be explained. There is a possibility that the other planes were kept in hangars.

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